

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 2, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 5, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The jaw 1 shown in Figure 1 comprises an attachment portion 2 for attachment to a spring compressor actuator, and a working portion 3 connected to the attachment portion 2 and designed to be engaged with a turn of the spring that is to be compressed. The working portion 3 is made of two parts. A first part 4, in this case integral with the attachment portion 2, defines a segment of track 5 that is circular, plane, or helical. At one of its ends 5a, its narrower end, the track 5 has an overlying tab 6 which forms a hook under which it is possible to slide a turn of a spring. This tab [[5]] 6 extends from the

inside edge 5b of the track 5 which includes a rim or flap 7 for retaining the turn of the spring. The flap 7 shown in the figure extends along the entire length of the inside edge 5b of the track. In a variant that is not shown, the flap could occupy only the central portion of the inside edge. Beneath the tab 6, the end 5a of the track segment is hollowed out (reference 5d) or chamfered so that the thickness of the wall of the first part 4 forming the track at this location tapers progressively. This chamfer makes it possible to engage the end 5a of the track segment as far as possible into the angle formed by the turn of the spring leaving its end plate. The other end 5c of the track segment 5 is broader than the end 5a (in its radially-measured dimension), thereby enabling it to receive springs such as 8, 9 that are wound to different diameters.--